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REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-3, 12-20, 25, 27-33, 35 and 38-55 are amended for the Examiner's consideration. The foregoing separate sheets marked as "Listing of Claims" shows all the claims in the application, with an indication of the current status of each .

The Examiner has noted that the claims as originally filed were not numbered consecutively. In particular, the numbers 43 and 53 were omitted. This necessitated the renumbering of claims following claim 42, with corresponding changes in the dependency indicated for dependent claims. The present amendment includes the corrections necessitated by the omitted claim numbers.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for insufficient antecedent basis in the reference "said terminal device." This amendment overcomes this ground of rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 16, 29, 38 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. This amendment overcomes this ground of rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 38, 39, 47 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. This amendment overcomes this ground of rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-55 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by GB Patent No. 2356956. However, this reference has an effective date later than the priority document of the present invention, and is therefore overcome as a reference by the attached verified English translation of the priority document in this case. It is to be noted that the claims in the present invention are supported by the priority document attached as Appendix A, and in particular by the discussion at paragraphs 0021 through 0100 and drawing figures 1 through 9. It may be noted that

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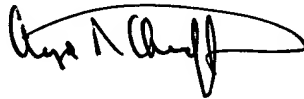
the drawing figures essentially match the drawing figures 1 through 9 of the present invention, although several figures are in a different order.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-55 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-787-9400 (fax: 703-787-7557; email: clyde@wcc-ip.com) to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clyde R. Christofferson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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